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**From:** Strauss, Linda  
**To:** Beck, Nancy; Bertrand, Charlotte; Wise, Louise; Morris, Jeff  
**CC:** Hanley, Mary; Pierce, Alison  
**Sent:** 12/7/2017 1:46:34 PM  
**Subject:** RE: For 9:00 am 12/7 discussion - NYT on PFAS - written

We can consider this inquiry closed – no action needed.

The article is not negative.

**From:** Strauss, Linda  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 07, 2017 7:45 AM  
**To:** Beck, Nancy ; Bertrand, Charlotte ; Wise, Louise ; Morris, Jeff  
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The NYT Jon Hurtle article posted yesterday:  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/06/nyregion/new-jersey-pfc-water-limits.html>

**From:** Strauss, Linda  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 06, 2017 6:12 PM  
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Nancy Beck would like to discuss Thursday at the 9am.

Here is what we have so far in response to NYT. What edits are needed to the bold/underlined language? See Sheila Canavan's email below too.

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Canavan, Sheila" <[Canavan.Sheila@epa.gov](mailto:Canavan.Sheila@epa.gov)>  
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**To:** "Beck, Nancy" <[Beck.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Beck.Nancy@epa.gov)>  
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Hi Nancy,

The chemist who helped pull the numbers together for the briefing last year is not in this week. We will need her to pull together the past year's numbers on Monday when she is back. Kelly Mayo worked w Kathy Schechter on defining the universe for the PFC numbers in last year's briefing and we want to be consistent. Greg is working on it.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 5, 2017, at 6:26 PM, Beck, Nancy <[Beck.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Beck.Nancy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Any update?

Thanks.

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On Dec 5, 2017, at 2:25 PM, Morris, Jeff <[Morris.Jeff@epa.gov](mailto:Morris.Jeff@epa.gov)> wrote:

I've been hoping we can get the 6/16-present update.

Sent from my iPad

On Dec 5, 2017, at 1:57 PM, Strauss, Linda <[Strauss.Linda@epa.gov](mailto:Strauss.Linda@epa.gov)> wrote:

Reporter is pinging on this one. What edits to make on the yellow highlighted below?

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**Sent:** Friday, December 01, 2017 7:54 PM

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Agreed. I think we need to sleep on this one. Lets discuss Monday am.

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Yes, though I suspect the reporter will want to follow up on what regulating those 108 means and why we didn't issue orders for the others.

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On Dec 1, 2017, at 1:27 PM, Strauss, Linda <[Strauss.Linda@epa.gov](mailto:Strauss.Linda@epa.gov)> wrote:

**Provide the yellow below to OPA? Gen-X info is already included in the fact sheet.**

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What we know today is the following: From 2006-June 2016, EPA received 273 PFC PMN submissions and entered into consent orders to regulate the chemical for 108 such submissions. We need to do more work to see how many more came in from 6/2016 to present.

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Nancy, just let us know what is still needed on this. Thanks.

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I think we should do written and we will need OPPT to chime in here as well. GenX is likely not the only PFAS we have

reviewed and we should speak to those reviews as well.

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On Nov 29, 2017, at 3:30 PM, Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov> wrote:

Nancy, this is a New York Times interview request (but we could possibly do a written instead). Liz B. was recommending you. It has a big OW component.

Option 1: Interview with you, w/Peter Grevatt as support.

Option 2: We add on an OCSP paragraph (yellow below) to the below written. Send that and see if it is enough.

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